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Technical work: consideration of information on unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene

Consideration of information on unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. By its decision SC-7/12, having considered the recommendation by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee to list hexachlorobutadiene in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention decided to amend part I of Annex A to the Convention to list therein hexachlorobutadiene, without specific exemptions.

2. In addition, by its decision SC-7/11, taking note of the new information provided at its seventh meeting with regard to unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene, the Conference of the Parties requested the Committee to further evaluate the chemical on the basis of the newly available information in relation to its listing in Annex C and to make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on listing hexachlorobutadiene in Annex C for further consideration at its eighth meeting.

3. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited parties and observers to submit any additional information to the Secretariat that would assist the further evaluation by the Committee of the unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene.

4. In a letter dated 8 July 2015, the Secretariat invited parties and observers to submit the information referred to in paragraph 3 above by 8 September 2015. A compilation of information received from parties and observers is set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.11/INF/10.

II. Proposed action

5. The Committee may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Taking note of decision SC-7/11, by which the Conference of the Parties requested the Committee to further evaluate hexachlorobutadiene on the basis of the newly available information in relation to its listing in Annex C and to make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on listing hexachlorobutadiene in Annex C for further consideration at its eighth meeting,

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1. *Decides* to establish an intersessional working group to undertake the activities requested in paragraphs 1 and 3 of decision SC-7/11 and agrees to work in accordance with the workplan set out in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to collect from parties and observers any additional information that would assist the further evaluation by the Committee of the unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene.

Annex

Workplan for the consideration of information on unintentional releases of hexachlorobutadiene

Scheduled date	*Interval between activities (weeks)*	*Activity*
23 October 2015	–	The Committee establishes an intersessional working group
6 November 2015	2	The Secretariat requests parties and observers to provide any additional information that would assist the further evaluation by the Committee of the unintentional production of hexachlorobutadiene
15 January 2016	10	Parties and observers submit the information to the Secretariat
26 February 2016	6	The working group chair and drafter complete a first draft of a document containing a review of the information provided
25 March 2016	4	The members of the working group submit comments on the first draft to the chair and the drafter
8 April 2016	2	The working group chair and the drafter finish their review of the comments from the working group and complete the second draft and a compilation of responses to those comments
15 April 2016	1	The Secretariat distributes the second draft to parties and observers
13 May 2016	4	Parties and observers submit their comments to the Secretariat
27 May 2016	2	The working group chair and the drafter review the comments from parties and observers and complete the final draft and a compilation of responses to those comments
3 June 2016	1	The Secretariat sends the final draft to the Division of Conference Services, United Nations Office at Nairobi, for editing and translation
29 July 2016	8	The Division of Conference Services completes the editing and translation of the final draft
5 August 2016	1	The Secretariat distributes the final draft in the six official languages of the United Nations
19–23 September 2016	6	Twelfth meeting of the Committee